

EYE PROBLEMS / INJURIES

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Is patient alert?
Is patient breathing normally?
What caused the injury?
 Chemicals
 Foreign object
 Impaled object
 Direct blow
 Flying object
 Welding/near welder
Is eyeball cut open or leaking fluid?
Are there any other injuries?

SIMULTANEOUS ALS/BLS

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Unconscious/not breathing normally.
Decreased level of consciousness.

BLS DISPATCH

Any eye injury.

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Pre-Arrival Instructions

Do not remove any penetrating objects.

If eyeball is cut or injured, do not touch, irrigate, or bandage.

If a chemical injury, flush immediately with water. Continue until help arrives. Remove contact lenses.

Advise patient not to move.

Have patient SIT down.

Cover patient with blanket and try to keep them calm.

Nothing to eat or drink

Gather patient medications, if possible.

If the patient's condition changes, call me back.

Prompts

If unconscious, go to UNCONSCIOUS/BREATHING NORMALLY AIRWAY CONTROL

Short Report

Age
Sex
Specific location
Chief complaint
Pertinent related symptoms
Medical/Surgical history, if any
Other agencies responding
Any dangers to responding units